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SUBJECT: MISSILE TECHNOLOGY CONTROL REGIME (MTCR):
GUIDANCE FOR THE OCTOBER 16, 2008 POC MEETING (C)

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Reason: 1.4 (B), (D).

[1](#). (U) This is an action request. Embassy Paris please see paragraph 3.

[2](#). (C) Guidance for use by the Embassy REP to the October 16, 2008 Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Point of Contact (POC) meeting is provided in paragraph 3.

[3](#). (C) BEGIN GUIDANCE:

NOTE: Embassy REP should seek guidance from Washington on any issues raised at the October 16 POC meeting that are not specifically addressed below. END NOTE.

[A](#). (C) PREPARATION FOR THE 2008 CANBERRA MTCR PLENARY
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(BACKGROUND: We want to encourage the MTCR Partners to circulate any proposals or discussion papers they might have for the Plenary, Law Enforcement Experts Meeting (LEEM) meeting, or Information Exchange (IE) as soon as possible, so all delegations have time to review them prior to the November 3-7, 2008 MTCR Plenary in Canberra. NOTE: Proposals for the Technical Experts Meeting (TEM) were due on September 8. END NOTE. (C)

The U.S. recently transmitted to all MTCR Partners papers outlining our Plenary proposals on Technical Outreach and Machine Tools (REF C), as well as several IE papers (REFS D-J). We will be circulating additional IE and LEEM papers and our report on contacts with non-Partners in the next several days. We also previously circulated our proposals for the TEM, and will be circulating additional discussion papers shortly. END BACKGROUND.) (C)

EMBASSY REP SHOULD:

--Note that the United States looks forward to a productive MTCR Plenary meeting in Canberra. (C)

--Encourage all Partners to submit any proposals or discussion papers for the 2008 Plenary, Information Exchange, and Law Enforcement Experts Meeting to the French MTCR POC as soon as possible. This will help to ensure that Partners have sufficient time to prepare adequately for Canberra. (C)

--Remind Partners that the United States has circulated

Plenary proposals on Technical Outreach to non-Partners and Machine Tools, and would welcome Partner feedback. (C)

--Stress that we look forward to an in-depth discussion of Iran and other regional issues in Canberra. (C)

1B. (C) INFORMATION EXCHANGE (IE)
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(BACKGROUND: In August 2008, the IE Co-Chair reminded Partners that they should provide the IE co-chairs with a 10-line executive summary of each paper in advance of the Plenary (POC DOC 116). This summary will be used as the basis for the IE report to the Plenary. To facilitate the smooth operation of the IE and a useful exchange of ideas, Partners were requested to circulate their presentations as far in advance of the Plenary as possible. The U.S. has recently circulated to Partners several IE papers (REFS D-J). We will be circulating additional IE papers and our report on contacts with non-Partners in the next several days. END BACKGROUND.) (C)

EMBASSY REP SHOULD:

--Advise Partners that the U.S. already circulated several papers for discussion at the IE, and will be circulating additional IE papers prior to the Plenary. (C)

--Note that the U.S. hopes Partners will make a special effort to circulate their IE papers and proposals -- and 10 line executive summaries for each -- in advance of the Plenary. This will facilitate Partner preparation and promote a full exchange of views at the Plenary. (C)

--Urge all Partners to share information on successful interdictions in order to provide a basis for discussing best practices and other ideas for stopping proliferators, and hope several Partners will volunteer presentations on this topic. (C)

1C. (C) LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT EXPERTS MEETING (LEEM)
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(BACKGROUND: The MTCR will hold a LEEM in conjunction with the Canberra Plenary. To facilitate the smooth operation of the LEEM and a useful exchange of ideas, Partners are encouraged to circulate their presentations as far in advance of the Plenary as possible. Per REF K, the U.S. plans to make presentations at the LEEM on U.S. enforcement authorities, brokering, machine tool licensing, and interdiction cases, and will circulate relevant documents soon. END BACKGROUND.) (C)

AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY REP SHOULD:

--Encourage Partners to circulate their presentations in advance of the Canberra Plenary. (C)

--Note that the U.S. plans to circulate relevant presentations to Partners soon. (C)

1D. (C) MEMBERSHIP
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(BACKGROUND: No new members were admitted to the MTCR at the 2007 Athens MTCR Plenary. The Partners continued their discussion of membership at the 2008 RPOC and agreed to further examination of all pending candidacies at the 2008 Canberra Plenary. END BACKGROUND.) (C)

AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY REP SHOULD:

--Note the Partners' discussion of membership issues at the Athens Plenary and the agreement that Partners will continue to discuss these matters on a case-by-case basis. (C)

NOTE: If asked about U.S. views on a particular membership application, Embassy Rep should note that U.S. views have not

changed since the 2007 Athens Plenary and refer any other questions to Washington for guidance. END NOTE. (C)

end guidance.

14. (U) Please slug any reporting on this or other MTCR issues for ISN/MTR.
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